

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PUBLIC HEARING
September 4, 2013**

President Jerry Uebelhor called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Josh Gunselman took roll call as follows:

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman	-Present	Randy Mehringer	-Present
Brad Schnarr, Vice Chairman	-Present	Bob Cook	-Present
Josh Gunselman, Secretary	-Present	Darla Blazey, Director of Community Development / Planning	-Present
		Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	-Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Uebelhor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the August 7, 2013 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Bob Cook seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

STATEMENT

President Uebelhor read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

NEW BUSINESS

Application of Ryan Mathies for a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations)

Ryan Mathies was present to request a height variance of 24 feet on a 40ft. x 60ft. accessory building he plans to construct on his property located at 5999 W. Sycamore Lane. Mr. Mathies displayed a sketch of the proposed building and an aerial view of his property showing that the building would be situated below the driveway and therefore, would not obstruct any neighbors' view.

There were no remonstrators present. Following some discussion, Bob Cook made a motion to close the public hearing. Secretary Gunselman seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chairman Schnarr made a motion to grant a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations) for the height of the accessory building not to exceed an average of 24 feet. Bob Cook seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Application of Greater Jasper School Corporation for a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations)

Matt Pryor, Head Softball Coach at Jasper High School, and John Krempp were present on behalf of Greater Jasper School Corporation to request a height variance of 28 feet on a 120ft. x 60ft. field house to be used by the girls' softball team. The building will be constructed near the softball fields located south of 19th Street and east of the high school. The proposed building would have four retractable pitching and batting cages inside; replacing the outdoor batting cage near the softball fields. Mr. Pryor said plans are to start construction on the building within the next month.

There were no remonstrators present. Following some discussion, Secretary Gunselman made a motion to close the public hearing. Bob Cook seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chairman Schnarr made a motion to grant a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations) for the height of the accessory building not to exceed 28 feet. Secretary Gunselman seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Application of Columbian Realty Corporation (Jasper Knights of Columbus Council #1584) to build an accessory building within 13 feet of the rear yard (Section 16.02.120) (Lot & Yard Requirements)

Tim Erny was present on behalf of Jasper Knights of Columbus #1584 requesting a variance to construct a 36ft. x 24ft. accessory building within 13 feet of the rear property line located at 201 E. 30th Street. The property is zoned B-3 (Business). According to the City's Zoning Ordinance, the required rear setback in a B-3 (Business) zone is 25 feet.

Randy Mehringer was concerned there could possibly be a utility easement along the rear of the property. Mr. Erny said he was not aware of any easements and agreed to research the records pertaining to said property for confirmation.

There were no remonstrators present. Bob Cook made a motion to close the public hearing. Secretary Gunselman seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Bob Cook made a motion to grant a variance from Section 16.02.120 (Lot and Yard Requirements) to build an accessory building within 13 feet of the rear yard, contingent upon no easement restrictions. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Update on professional services contract – Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinances

Darla Blazey, Director of Community Development and Planning, told the Board that she will be asking the Plan Commission to formalize a recommendation to the Board of Public Works and Safety (as purchasing agent for the Plan Commission) to seek approval to enter into a professional services agreement with The Planning Workshop/RATIO at the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting for the update of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance and the Zoning Map.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Bob Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Gunselman Motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman

Josh Gunselman, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary